



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

KERSHAW ELEMENTARY

Lancaster County

Grades: PK-5

Enrollment: 507

Principal: Dr. Jennifer C. Etheridge

Superintendent: Dr. Gene Moore

Board Chair: Bobby Parker

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2010	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Met	RP-DELAY
2008	Average	Below Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	RP

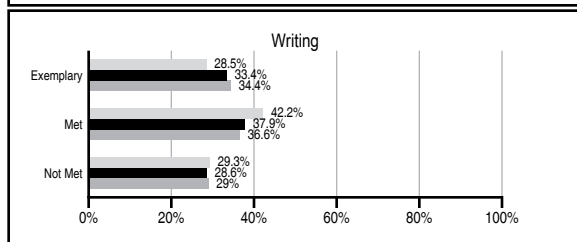
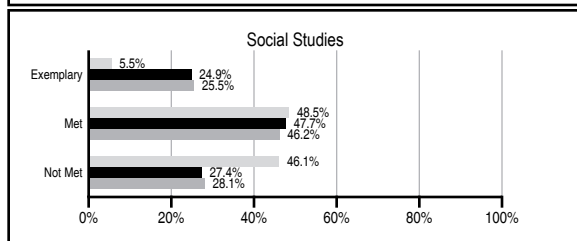
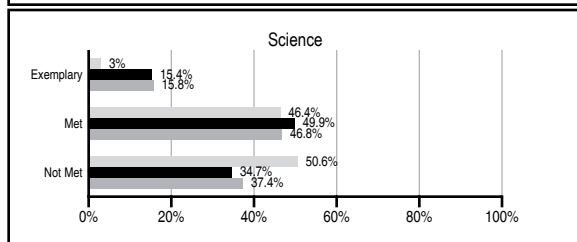
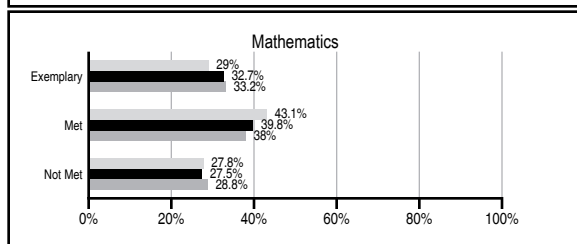
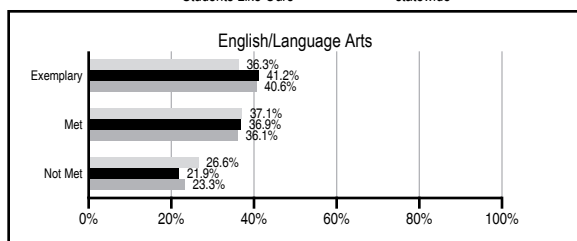
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
7	29	76	1	0

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 03/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours Elementary schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE GOAL

2010 Goal:

By 2010, SC's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the fastest improving systems in the country.

2020 Vision:

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary School
Students (n=507)				
Retention rate	1.7%	Down from 4.0%	1.1%	1.2%
Attendance rate	95.6%	No Change	96.0%	96.1%
Eligible for gifted and talented	4.7%	Down from 6.0%	12.0%	11.7%
With disabilities other than speech	10.0%	Up from 8.6%	8.5%	8.0%
Older than usual for grade	0.0%	Down from 0.5%	0.4%	0.4%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=31)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	67.7%	Up from 65.6%	59.5%	60.5%
Continuing contract teachers	87.1%	Up from 84.4%	85.7%	84.6%
Teachers with emergency or provisional certificates	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers returning from previous year	89.1%	No Change	88.8%	87.0%
Teacher attendance rate	95.1%	Down from 95.2%	95.3%	95.4%
Average teacher salary*	\$50,540	Up 0.2%	\$47,128	\$47,288
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	17.1 days	Down from 17.6 days	10.1 days	10.5 days
School				
Principal's years at school	9.0	Up from 8.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	19.0 to 1	Up from 18.9 to 1	19.4 to 1	19.2 to 1
Prime instructional time	89.3%	Up from 89.1%	90.5%	90.8%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	99.4%	Down from 99.9%	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,746	Down 9.8%	\$7,274	\$7,548
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.5%	Down from 73.2%	67.8%	68.7%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	66.9%	Down from 68.4%	64.4%	65.1%
% of AYP objectives met	100.0%	No Change	100.0%	100.0%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	32	80	61
Percent satisfied with learning environment	93.8%	92.5%	95.1%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.8%	87.3%	95.0%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	100.0%	88.8%	83.6%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

"Expect to be impressed, our children are the best!" This school motto continues to resound in all that we aspire to achieve. A positive school experience for all students is the commitment of all stakeholders in our community. From School Improvement Council/PTO Family Nights for every grade level to Adult Education classes and Wee Read materials for newborn members of the Kershaw Elementary family, we strive to be a resource within the Kershaw area for young and old alike!

The resources for learning are broad and varied in the utilization of the Everyday Mathematics program, a Discovery cluster program using Core Knowledge Curriculum and Multiple Intelligences Theory, and SRA Corrective Reading for identified students. Summer Countdown to Kindergarten and a 4K program enhance early learning experiences for our students. We proudly celebrated the induction of numerous new members into the National Jr. Beta Club who became active in leadership and service projects! Staff development activities for teachers and assistants included sessions in rubric based writing instruction, along with grouping to address individual skill needs and to further enhance planning and evaluation of classroom strategies for our students.

Innovative learning experiences and technological opportunities are provided for all students through Classworks computer software for mathematics and language arts, standards-based field trips on all grade levels, media research, SMART Boards, author visits and manipulatives in both mathematics and science. Extended day and year enrichment has been provided through the Partners for Youth Homework Center, 21st Century, and Title I. AmeriCorps members, Teacher Cadets, and Service Learning students, along with parent and grandparent volunteers provide tutoring and mentoring for our students. Communication was key as student-led conferencing, classroom phone chains, and e-mail were again utilized on a school-wide basis. Visits in the homes of many of our students started the year off right by helping everyone get acquainted.

Our Positive Action Character Education program and numerous service learning activities provide citizenship opportunities for our students and staff, and support the American Red Cross, St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, March of Dimes, and the Muscular Dystrophy Association. All students participated in musical and dramatic performances for family and friends during the year. PTO contributions continued to support supplemental instructional materials, funded school-wide activities, helped fund visiting artists, and supplied awards for Accelerated Reader throughout the year. Community support in combination with the involvement of our Kershaw Elementary families and teachers as a team makes a difference in the lives of our children!

Jennifer C. Etheridge, Principal
Brandee Young, SIC Chairperson 2009-2010

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